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Editor's Mailbox

The Editor,
Newspaper,
Appomattox, Virginia

Dear Sir:

My ancestors lived in the Appomattox area before and after the Civil War and I am trying to identify them.

For that purpose, if you print this letter, I shall be ever so grateful.

Robert Conner was my grandfather. He served in the Appomattox Greys of the 18th Virginia Infantry and was captured in the battle of Gettysburg. For the remaining months of the war, he was imprisoned in the dreaded Fort Delaware where he lost all of his teeth from the ravages of scurvy and malnutrition.

I do not know for certain but I suspect that Edmund Conner was Robert's father because Edmund is a common name in the family and I remember that I heard my father talk of Edmund Conner.

Bradshaw in his "History of Prince Edward County, Virginia," said that Edmund Conner was one of the twelve men who chartered Union Academy in 1838. At that time Appomattox County was then a part of Prince Edward County.

The author also said that Edmund Conner was an elector from Walker's Church in the presidential election of 1840. He voted for Martin Van Buren. John W. Flood was also an elector from Walker's Church. (Today, does Walker's Church have a different name?)

William, Trent, Esquire, also voted for Martin Van Buren. He lived at Clover Hill that several years later was named Appomattox.

Robert Conner married Louvenia, I think her name was, Trent. She was called Lou Trent and was known in the Civil War period for her beauty. I have a picture of her and she was as handsome in her old age as she was beautiful in her youth.

Elizabeth Trent, who I believe to have been a close relative of Lou Trent's, married Colonel Joel Flood. Elizabeth died in child birth at the age of seventeen.

My grandfather, Robert Conner, gained fame in the Civil War period as a musician. It has been said that people came from as far away as Richmond to hear him play his violin.

According to Bradshaw in his history, the Rev. Thomas Conner was one of the organizers of the Methodist Church in Prince Edward County. He was a presiding elder at a meeting held at McGehee's barn in June of 1788, five years after the Revolutionary War. Gwaltmey in his list of Virginians serving in the American Revolutionary War has the name of a Thomas Conner who served in the war.

I am wondering if the two Thomas Conners were the same and what relationship they were to Edmund Conner of Walker's Church.

According to Bradshaw the 4th Virginia Regiment of the continental line was formed in Prince Edward County. Gwaltmey lists an Edward Conner who served in the 4th Virginia Regiment. I would like to know what kin, if any, he was to Edmund Conner of Walker's Church.

I would also like to contact the historian of Appomattox County.

My address is 209 South 12th Street, Norton, Virginia.

Anyone, anywhere who can give me information about the two families - the Conner family and the Trent Family - will have my deepest appreciation.

Sincerely yours,
Ray C. Conner

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Population Study

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balanced population with a good economic base (ages 25-54) to provide support.

Tract 0403 is Clover Hill District and includes the communities of Pamplin City and Hixburg.

There are a total of 2,522 persons in this tract of which 2,037 or 80.7% are white and 485 are black and others. The population pyramid of this tract shows an almost vertical movement upward in the population breakdown, reflecting a balanced tract.

BEALE CHILDREN FEATURED

Angela, Timmy and Lynn Beale, children of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Beale of Culpeper, were photo attractions in a two-page Christmas feature of the Culpeper Star Exponent. Mrs. Beale is the former Kathryn Richardson, of Appomattox.

Grandparents of the youngsters are Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Richardson of Appomattox and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Beale, Sr. of Pamplin.

The youngsters are pictured gazing beside a lighted Christmas tree

CHESTNUT GROVE

Holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Morris were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bowen of Falmouth, Ky; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Falmouth, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Morris of Richmond; Mrs. Lynda O'Brien of Lynchburg. They talked with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Morris of Heidelbury, Germany Saturday night they were doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. A N. Morris and family were Saturday supper guests of Mr. Luther Harris at Sheppards.

Clyde and Preston Senger and their families all of Crewe were Friday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Senger.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hicks of Richmond and Roy Senger were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Senger.

Christmas day visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook were Mr. and Mrs. William Carter, Janice and Mike all of Burkeville; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Metcalfe, Bobby and Mary Anne of Virginia Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Cooke, Kenneth and Randy of Prospect. The Metcalfs spent Saturday night and returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meek and family of Virginia Beach were Christmas visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Forbes.

Saturday visitors of Mrs. Lucy Glover were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bowen of Falmouth Kentucky, Mrs. Linda O'Brien of Lynchburg and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Morris of Appomattox, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sheppard of Washington, D. C. Spent Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Morris.

Supper guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Don Morris were Mr. and Mrs. Dave Morgan and family of Charlotte, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Morgan of Andersonville.

Sunday visitors in the W. T. Cook home were Mr. and Mrs. Otis Southall of Farmville, Mrs. Janie Howe of Dillwyn, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Morris of Appomattox, Va.

Week end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bryan were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Loveday, Mrs. Effie Robertson, all of Knoxville, Tennessee; Mr. and Mrs. K.M. Beasley, Jr. and Kathy were Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Senger and Dale were Saturday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pope at Crewe.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bryan, Phillip and David visited the Rev. and Mrs. Dott Bryan at Gloucester Monday and returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. Robert Morris and Children visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rice Seay at Andersonville Sunday.

W. T. Cook returned home Thursday from the Southside Community Hospital very much inproved.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris and family; Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Manis and family of Farmville were Saturday visitors of Patricia Manis and Mr. D. A. Manis in Lynchburg.

Lynn and Mildred Carson of Blacksburg were Sunday overnight visitors of Mr. and Mrs. K.M. Beasley, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris and family were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Flood Harris at Green Bay.

Mrs. Ruth Beasley had all of her children and grand-children with her for Christmas dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baldwin and family of Rustburg; Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Townsend and family; Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Williams, all of Dillwyn; Mr. and Mrs. David Woodall of Appomattox; Mr. and Mrs. Odelle Kirby of Farmville, Virginia.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harris were the Rev. Robert E. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Pete F. Harris; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris and family of Appomattox; Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Harris of Dillwyn. Sunday supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. Harwood Cary and Mrs. J. W. Jennings of Bethlehem.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Beasley of Roanoke spent the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Beasley, Sr. and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Branch at Buckingham.

Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harris were Mr. and Mrs. Flood Harris of Green Bay.

Saturday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kemper Beasley, Sr. were Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Branch and family of Buckingham; Mrs. Gil Price and David Ray of Keysville; Mrs. Ralph Repass of Appomattox, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Beasley, Jr. and Katherine Ellen visited Mrs. Katherine Carson at Spout Spring Monday.

The Pastor Speaks

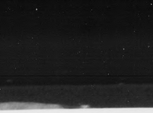
A NEW YEARS RESOLUTION

Philippians 3:14 "I Press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

For this coming year there are three things that I would suggest to aid the reader in his efforts for a successful Christian year. First, Paul says in verse 13 of this chapter "Forgetting those things which are behind." The things of the past are gone. We can't change them. The failures of last year, as well as the triumphs are history. There fore, Paul instructs us to forget the past which is over. Second, he instructs us to "Reaching forth unto those things which are before." It should be our determination by God's Grace that this coming year we will concern ourselves with the future rather than the past. Opportunities for service are available on every hand. Let us be sure that we reach out with this in mind. Third, "I press toward the mark for the prize". We should anticipate the rewards for faithful service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

May this be our goal, our prayer, our determination, by God's Grace.

Rev. Earnie W. Lucas, Pastor
Bible Baptist Church
Appomattox, Virginia



IS LOVE "WEAK"?

Lesson for January 2, 1972

Background Scripture: Luke 6

Is Christian love indicative of moral weakness?

There are many today who think so, including some who are presumably members of the various churches. Mercy is equated with cowardice, benevolence with selfishness, compassion with evil. Those who take seriously Jesus' teachings on love are regarded not only as being in error, but subversive and dangerous as well.

But Jesus Says . . .

The teachings of Jesus seem no less acceptable today as they did when he first appeared to the world:

Society advises us to hate our enemies . . . but Jesus says to "Love your enemies!"

Society suggests that we return hatred to those who hate us . . . but Jesus says, "Do good to those who hate you!"

Society demands that we return blow for blow . . . but Jesus says we are to "turn the other cheek!"

Nietzsche once said, "Distrust all in whom the impulse to punish is strong." In interpreting this remark, psychiatrist Karl Menninger has pointed out that those who often call for the harshest measures against wrongdoers are those who feel uneasy because they have entertained the same ideas themselves. "No one is more bitter in condemning the 'loose' woman than the 'good'" women who have on occasion guiltily enjoyed some purple dreams themselves. The "first stone' is always 'cast' by some-one who himself is not "without sin."

The Courage To Love

Thus, hatred and anger and the withholding of mercy and love are often means of coping with our own secret sense of sin. If we can find an obvious object of guilt — the town drunkard or adultress — we can load all our own guilt upon this person, just as the ancient Hebrews practiced a ritual of loading their sins upon a "scape-goat" and driving him into the wilderness.

It takes courage, however, to face the realities of sin and failure in our own lives. To project our hostilities upon others is the greatest weakness. It is the real cowardice to condemn another because we don't have the courage to face our own failures of

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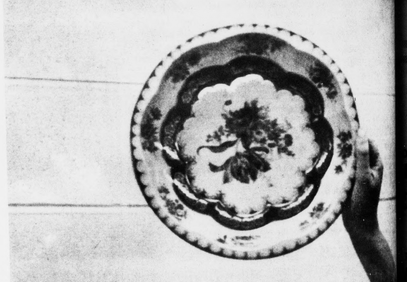
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HARRY B. PHELPS

BEDFORD - Harry B. Phelps 60, of Rt. 1, Bedford, died Saturday in Bedford County Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Mrs. Mable Hobuck Phelps.

Born in Appomattox County, he was a son of Mrs. Florine Moore Phelps of Lynchburg and the late Thomas Talmadge Phelps. He was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church and the owner of Phelps Coal and Wood Co. of Bedford.

In addition to his mother and widow, he is survived by two sons, Clarence A. Phelps and John R. Phelps of Bedford, three brothers, David A. Phelps of Chesapeake, W. Talmadge Phelps of Spartanburg, S.C. and Bobby W. Phelps of Lynchburg, and four sisters, Mrs. Beatrice P. Ernst and Mrs. Cotelle P. Trujello of Lynchburg Mrs. Frances P. Reynolds of Gladstone and Mrs. Lucielle F. Davidson of Huddleston.

Funeral services took place Monday at 2 p.m. at Carden Funeral Chapel by the Revs. W. W. Laughlin Jr. and Ronald T. Davidson. Burial took place in the Virginia Memorial Park.

DEROY CAGE JENNINGS

Friends and former classmates of DeRoy Cage Jennings, 64, have been notified of his death on Sunday at his home at Nathalie.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Tuesday at Mulberry Baptist Church, Nathalie with burial in Highland Burial Park in Danville.

He was a co-owner of Jennings Brothers in Cody since 1945. He was the husband of Mrs. Neva Reynolds Jennings.

Born in Halifax County, he was the son of Marshall Edward Jennings and Lona Cage Jennings. Prior to becoming amerchant he was associated with R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

He was a graduate of Appomattox High School, class of 1922. He received a BS degree in business administration from the University of Richmond. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Hubbard Masonic Lodge No. 312 AF&AM. He was a member of Mulberry Baptist Church where he served as a deacon.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by two sons, DeRoy Cage Jennings Jr., of Covington and James David Jennings of Roanoke; a daughter, Mrs. Burnett is president; Mike Beane, vice-president; Thomas Shupe, secretary; Delmar Robinson, treasurer; Dallas Moore chief, Bobby Moore, Assistant chief,; Robert Eagle, second assistant chief; Alvin Phelps captain; Joe Smith, lieutenant; Carrington Martin, Chaplain J. W. Pratt, W. R. Martin and High Tanner, three-year directors; and Charles Jones, Onyx Mets and W. R. Moore, one-year directors.

Read Classifieds

Burnett Is President Concord Firemen

Concord Volunteer Fire Department's chief, Cecil Jones gave the November report at a recent meeting of Concord Fire Department. There were eight fires during the month consisting of four house fires, one truck, one grass fire, one tank trailer and one truck-car crash.

A film, "Structural Fire" was shown at the meeting.

Officers for the new year were installed. Thomas R.

MRS. J. J. BOATWRIGHT

Mrs. Minnie Burks Boatwright, 71, of New Canton, a native of Bedford County, died at 12:10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 24th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Pfloeger of Richmond, after a short illness. She was the widow of J. J. Boatwright.

She was the daughter of Edward M. Burks and Emma Coleman Burks.

In addition to her daughter, she is survived by two sons, James J. Boatwright, Jr. of Phoenix, Ariz. and Frederick W. Boatwright of Powhatan; four other daughters, Mrs. Mildred Lawrence of Memphis, Tenn., Mrs. William T. Johnson of Eden, N.C., and Mrs. Shirley Smith and Mrs. Monroe Marshall of Richmond; two brothers, William H. Burks of Richmond and Edward M. Burks, Jr. of Lynchburg; three sisters, Mrs. J. Horsley Putt of Lynchburg, Mrs. Gordon Millner of Appomattox and Emma Burks of Buckingham; 17 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Presybterian Church in Arvonia. Burial took place in Buckingham Baptist Church Cemetery.

Smith Funeral Home in Bremo Bluff was in charge of arrangements.

Davy Crockett of Roanoke; a brother, M. E. Jennings Jr. of Nathalie; four sisters, Mrs. Isadore Horowitz of Reunion, Mrs. Marvin C. Hillsman of Falls Church, Alyme Jennings of South Boston and Mrs. Cabell Owen of Lenning and two grandchildren.

Henderson Funeral Home in Brookneal was in charge of arrangements.

Galilee Annual Meeting Jan. 1

The officers and members of the Galilee Baptist Church are asked to attend the annual church meeting on this Saturday, Jan. 1, 1972, at 7 p.m. The annual budget and program of work for the year will be presented. All auxiliaries of the church are asked to be present and make their financial report.

Impressive services were held at the Promise Land Baptist Church last Sunday. The pastor delivered a special Christmas message. The senior choir rendered Christmas music. The offering for the day was very good. At the close of the worship period Deacon Stewart Robinson presented the pastor a love offering on behalf of the church.

Impressive evening services were held at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church last Sunday evening at 7 p.m. Special music was rendered by Deacon and Mrs. Calvin Elliott. At the close of the service a love offering was presented the pastor by Deacon Elliott on behalf of the Men's Club and the Willing Workers Club.

All members and friends are reminded of the next monthly meeting of the Appomattox Chapter of the NAAC to be held with the Gravel Hill Baptist Church at Hurtsville at 7:30.

The Appomattox Assembly will hold its executive council meeting on Wed., Jan. 5, at 7p.m. The regular meeting of the Assembly will be held on Wed., Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. All members and friends of the community are invited to be present. A special program with a guest speaker will be presented. At the end of the meeting the chairman of economic development will present special household products at very low discount prices.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemmuel Collier and daughter, Phyliss, of Blackstone, Va., spent part of the Christmas here as the guests of her brother and family, Rev. and Mrs. R. Q. Lawing.

A large crowd attended the special Christmas Service sponsored by the Morning Star Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor of the church delivered the morning sermon. The service was enjoyed by all present.

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